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**By Order of the Assistant Director:**  
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TO: IHSC Public Health Service Officers, Civilian Federal Employees and  
Contract Personnel

SUBJECT: Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS)

1. Applicability. This Operations Memorandum (OM) is applicable to all U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps (IHSC) personnel, including but not limited to, Public Health Service (PHS) officers, federal employees and contract support staff. It is applicable to IHSC personnel supporting health care operations in both ICE-owned and contracted detention facilities, and to IHSC Headquarters staff.
2. Purpose. The purpose of this OM is to set forth the policies and procedures for formally assessing detainees/residents who have been prescribed anti-psychotic medications to identify symptoms that may indicate the presence of tardive dyskinesia (TD).
3. General. The Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS) examination is used to detect TD and to follow the severity of TD over time.
  - a. Disciplines. The following disciplines are authorized to conduct the AIMS examination on detainees/residents within the limits set by applicable state licensing authorities:
    - i. physicians;
    - ii. nurse practitioners;
    - iii. physician assistants; and
    - iv. registered nurses.
  - b. Conducting the AIMS examination. The examination should be administered to all detainees/residents entering the facility with anti-psychotic medications, and to all detainees/residents prescribed these medications while in ICE custody. The examination should be administered either at the time of admission or when

medications are initially prescribed. Designated health care providers should utilize the AIMS smart form within the electronic medical record. This examination should be conducted every 90 days thereafter.

4. Applicable Standards:

**National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC):**

Standards for Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities, 2015:

MH-H-01, Clinical Record Format and Contents.

5. Applicable References:

Rush JA Jr., *Handbook of Psychiatric Measure*, American Psychiatric Association, 2000, 166-168.